

1 **Abstract of the Invention**

2 The present invention provides a printing and dispensing
3 bonus system for electronic gaming devices, particularly a
4 casino gaming device, which includes at least one detection device
5 which is adapted for connection to an electronic apparatus, the
6 detection device operative to detect selected event occurrences on
7 an electronic apparatus and output event occurrence notification
8 signals upon detection of an event. An event detection sampling
9 device is connected in information transmission connection with the
10 detection device, the event detection sampling device operative to
11 detect and receive event occurrence notification signals from the
12 detection devices, analyze the received event occurrence
13 notification signals and output event occurrence information
14 signals including information specifying selected event
15 occurrences. Connected in information transmission connection with
16 the event detection sampling device is an event occurrence
17 information signal computing device which is operative to receive
18 and analyze the event occurrence information signals output by the
19 event detection sampling device and upon detection of selected
20 event occurrence information signals, output command signals for
21 initiating operation of at least one bonus printing and dispensing
22 device connected thereto, independent of a standard output device
23 of the electronic gaming device and operative to accept command
24 signals from the computing device and to print and dispense bonus
25 information and awards resulting from selected combinations being
26 produced by the electronic gaming device whereby an operator/player
27 of the electronic gaming device is awarded selected bonus items and
28 awards.